

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2006, claims 20, 29 and 32 are amended, and claims 9 and 28 are cancelled. Claims 1-8, 20-27 and 29-34 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

OBJECTION TO CLAIMS

The indication that claims 1-8 are allowable, and that claims 9 and 20-34 are objected to is acknowledged and appreciated.

By this response, and in accordance with the Examiner's instructions in the Office Action,

1. Independent claim 29 is amended to delete the limitation of claim 9, added in the previous amendment, and include the limitation of claim 7;
2. Dependent claims 9 and 28 are cancelled;
3. Independent claims 20 and 32 are amended at lines 6-7 to recite:

measuring a relative position and relative posture between a first element provided in the measuring portion and a second element provided in the position and posturing changing portion;

With regard claim 28, this claim is cancelled for similar reason that claim 9 is cancelled. More specifically, previously submitted new claim 32 was formed by combining claims 20 and 28, and claim 26 was amended to depend from new claim 32 resulting in a scope comprising claims 32 (**claims 20+28**)+26. In addition, claim 20 was amended to include the limitation of objected to claim 26 and claim 28 was left depending from amended claim 20, resulting in a scope comprising **claims 20+26+28**, which is a duplicate of the scope comprising claims 32

(claims 20+28)+26. To eliminate such duplication of scope, claim 28, depending from amended claim 20, is cancelled.

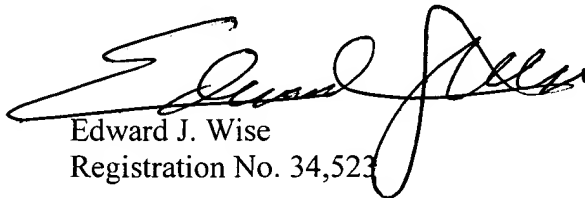
CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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